

CP. 3729
#6
JW 8/23/99

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

Kazutaka Shibata, et al.

Serial No. 09/204,123

Filed: December 2, 1998

For: METHOD OF SURFACE-
MOUNTING ELECTRONIC
COMPONENTS



Group Art Unit: 3729

Examiner: D. Caputo

San Francisco, California

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RECEIVED
AUG 18 1999
TC 3700 MAIL ROOM

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on August 10, 1999.

Valerie Olsen
Valerie Olsen

8/10/99
Date

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

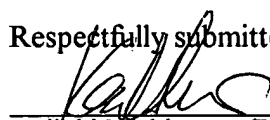
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 23, 1999 in the above-referenced application, in which a requirement for restriction was imposed as between Group I consisting of claims 1-7 and Group II consisting of claims 8 and 9, applicant hereby elects Group I to be examined first.

With the election of Group I, the Examiner further required an election between Species A and Species B. In response, applicant elects Species A to be examined first. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7 are believed to be addressed to Species A.

The election is without traverse and does not affect the inventorship.

Respectfully submitted,



Dated: August 10, 1999

Keiichi Nishimura (Reg. No. 29,093)
MAJESTIC, PARSONS, SIEBERT & HSUE P.C.
Four Embarcadero Center, Suite 1100
San Francisco, CA 94111-4106
Telephone: (415) 248-5500
Facsimile: (415) 362-5418

Atty. Docket: 8046.037US0